Congress of the United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515-1503

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Chairwoman Kay Granger House Appropriations Committee H-307 The Capitol Washington, DC 20515 Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro House Appropriations Committee 1036 Longworth HOB Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting that the Appropriations Committee provide a funding level of \$250,000.00 for Iowa Jobs for America's Graduate Services Expansion in Des Moines, Iowa as a community project funding request. The intended recipient is IowaJAG Inc. located at 1111 9th Street, STE 268, Des Moines, IA 50314. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the iJAG model is a proven model with 24+ years of success in improving high school graduation rates, community engagement/retention of young people and jobs that provide sustainable wealth where a young person can invest in their future while caring for their families. These funds will support the launch of ten new program sites that have the capacity to deliver proven workforce training and wrap-around support to more than 550 Iowa students in the 2023-2024 school year, as well as the creation of 11 FTE jobs, including 10 direct service staff and one support staff.

This project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Zach Nunn

Member of Congress